

BA firefighter saves life while on vacation

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In May 2012, one of Broken Arrow's own firefighters, Will Vaughn, saved a woman's life while vacationing in Mexico.

In a letter written to the Broken Arrow City Council and Fire Chief Jeff VanDolah from Lowrey Fire Chief Larry Watts, who was also vacationing in Mexico, Watts said "Vaughn gave of himself completely."

Watts is a firefighter and Medical First Responder in Lowrey, Okla. He and his wife arrived at their hotel in Puerto Morelos, Mexico, for vacation when they observed a commotion pool side.

"There I saw a man performing CPR," Watts said in the letter. "I went to assist as I am a firefighter and Medical First Responder. When I arrived pool side, the man, who I later identified as William Vaughn, was performing



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CPR."

According to Watts, when Vaughn completed the series of CPR, he identified a pulse and the patient started breathing on her own.

"This is what we expect of our employees within our fire department," VanDolah said. "Broken Arrow firefighters not only work hard to protect Broken Arrow residents while on duty,

but they are also willing to help out in many ways while off duty."

According to reports, Vaughn found the victim face down in the swimming pool and pulled her out of the pool.

Vaughn and his wife stayed in touch with the family for the rest of the afternoon and into the evening.

Watts' letter states when Vaughn and his wife found out the woman was not receiving proper care in the local hospital, they assisted the family in arranging a flight back to the United States.

"The fire department and the City of Broken Arrow should be very proud to have a gentleman like this," Watts said. "He gave of himself on behalf of the Broken Arrow Fire Department."

Vaughn has been with the Broken Arrow Fire Department since Dec. 1999.

Intrusion alarm permit and animal registrations renewals coming due

Residents have until the end of September

As with last year, the City will not be sending out renewal notices for permit or license renewals.

This was done as part of the City's green initiative to eliminate the use of costly paper, envelopes and postage and move forward with a 24/7 electronic renewal system.

Efforts continue to include an automatic e-mail notification system and software system upgrades that will enhance the permitting and licensing systems into the future.

Residents can e-mail at volivera@brokenarrowok.gov to be included on the list for e-mail notifications.

Please include your name and address in the e-mail.

The renewal fee for intrusion alarm permits is \$10. After Oct. 31, the fee will increase to \$24.

The registration fee for animals is \$5 for spayed/neutered and \$15 for unaltered.

If you have lost your tag, replacements are available at the One Stop Office for \$1.

Renewals are due on or before Sept. 30 and are valid for one year.

For questions regarding the renewals, please call 918-259-2411, option 6.

LBA accepting applications

Leadership Broken Arrow (LBA) is accepting applications for the 2012-13 class, which begins in September.

Graduates of the LBA program are in a position to influence the future of Broken Arrow through community involvement.

The program consists of nine full-day sessions, one per month, September through May.

Sessions feature guest

lectures, experts in their respective fields, local-area tours, visits to places with important community missions, leadership training, classroom participation and an opportunity to network with other civic-minded individuals.

Applications are available at the BA Chamber of Commerce or on the LBA website: www.leadershipbrokenarrow.com.

Class size is limited and spots are filling up quickly. Tuition for the program is \$500.

Applicants should reside or work in Broken Arrow, profess an interest in social or civic issues, be willing to listen to a broad range of opinions and participate in a cordial exchange of ideas.

For more information, contact the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce at 918-251-1518 or visit <http://www.leadershipbrokenarrow.com>.



LBA participants learn about all facets of the Broken Arrow community.



SkyDance Kite Festival, SandDazzle events highlight Sept. Parks and Rec activities

The Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Department will host two fun, outdoor activities in September.

SandDazzle sand castle event

The Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation will host the Second Annual "SandDazzle," sand castle event from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 1 at Nienhuis Park, 3201 N. Ninth St.

The event is geared toward the young and young at heart to create to let imaginations go wild creating sand castles.

Last year, more than 300 people attended the inaugural event. To add to this year's fun, hundreds of seashells will be placed in the sand for treasure seekers. Shells are turned in for a prize from the treasure chest.

There will also be a professional sand sculpting team, the Sooner Sandtrappers, working on a sculpture throughout the day. For those looking for sand sculpting tips, the pro's will be available to answer questions.

SkyDance Kite Festival

The Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Department, Broken Arrow Convention and Visitors Bureau and "Tulsa Wind Riders" will host "SkyDance Kite Festival" from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sept. 8. The event will be held at the Broken Arrow Festival Park, 101st Street, east of the Creek Turnpike.

Admission is free.

Kite enthusiasts from Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas will be putting brilliant colored kites in the sky, demonstrating tricks and showcasing the skills of kiting.

Kids can make their own kites at the event for a price of \$3.

For questions relating to kiting, contact Larry Stiles at 918-630-9334 or e-mail larryleestiles@yahoo.com, visit www.facebook.com/TulsaWindRiders.

For general information about the kite festival site or the SandDazzle event, contact David Blue at 918.259.7000 Ext. 5430 or dblue@brokenarrowok.gov.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR SEPT. 15-OCT. 15

Sept. 15 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market
8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Sept. 15 — Motorcycle Training Course
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Nienhuis Park Community Center, 3201 N. Ninth St. This course is designed to teach experienced riders how to survive riding on our roadways. The course is taught by seasoned, police motorcycle officers that know what it takes to stay safe on a motorcycle. Cost: Free - first come, first serve. Limited availability. Each class will be limited to 20 participants. Register by calling 918-451-8200, Ext. 8314.

Sept. 18 — Broken Arrow City Council
6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Sept. 22 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market
8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Sept. 22 — OK Kids Day 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 3500 W. New Orleans St. A day dedicated to health, safety and environmental issues that affect individuals and our community as a whole. Free spinal exams, free hearing, free vision and free dental exams will be provided. Snacks, information and giveaways will be available. **Free and open to the public.** For more information,

call 918-459-0333.

Sept. 25 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Sept. 27 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Sept. 29 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market
8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Oct. 2 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 6 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market
8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Oct. 9 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 11 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 13 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market
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Oct. 13 — Blue Bell Taste of Summer
9a.m.-3 p.m., Blue Bell Creamery, 8201 E. Hwy 51. This outdoor ice cream festival at Blue Bell Creameries features self-guided tours of Blue Bell, live entertainment and all the ice cream you can eat. This annual open house, hosted by one of Broken Arrow's most well-known businesses, also features a wide variety of activities for children including inflatables, crafts and free admission for all kids ages 6 and under. After touring the Blue Bell factory to see how ice cream is made, venture outside once more for live music. Put your stomach to the test in the hotly contested ice cream eating contest, or take it easy while enjoying scoops of your favorite ice cream flavors. For more information, call 918-258-5100.